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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION CASE: FMS PIPELINE

1. AT TIME OF YOUR RECALL IN JUNE WE ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION OF SHIPMENT OF BOMB FIN ASSEMBLIES FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND ADDED THAT FMS PIPELINE WAS "UNDER REVIEW." IT WAS DECIDED AT THAT TIME BY DEPUTY SECRETARY TO ASK DOD TO INFORM STATE AS ITEMS MOVED TO SHIPMENT STAGE, SO THAT WE COULD, IN EFFECT, DECIDE THEM ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

2. WE NOW HAVE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS EITHER PENDING OR DUE IN SHIPPING TERMINALS WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS,
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AND MUST BEGIN TO MAKE DECISIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. PENDING SHIPMENTS INCLUDE ANTI-TANK ROCKETS, 106 RECOILLESS RIFLES AND AMMUNITION, 7.62 MM RIFLE CARTRIDGES, TOOL KITS, INDUSTRIAL HARDWARE SUCH AS NUTS AND BOLTS, AND VARIOUS NON-WEAPON SPARES FOR AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS.

3. CONGRESSIONAL (HOUSE) ACTION AUGUST 2 IN REJECTING

STARK AMENDMENT TO CUT OFF PIPELINE ON GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS, AND FINAL REJECTION OF LETELIER/MOFFITT AMENDMENT INTRODUC ED BY HARKIN, INDICATES CONGRESS WILLING TO LEAVE MATTER OF CHILE PIPELINE TO ADMINIS-

TRATION. CONSIDERATION AT THIS POINT THUS LIMITED TO USE OF PIPELINE AS LEVERAGE IN LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE.

4. WE SEE THREE BROAD OPTIONS: A) PERMIT PIPELINE TO FLOW WITHOUT FURTHER INTERFERENCE UNTIL AND UNLESS IMPASSE REACHED ON EXTRADITIONS/TRIAL IN CHILE QUESTION, B) SUSPEND ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO INTERNAL SECURITY SUCH AS RIFLE AMMUNITION BUT PERMIT OTHER ITEMS TO MOVE, AND/OR C) LEAVE ENTIRE PIPELINE IN SUSPENSE UNTIL COOPERATION IN EXTRADITIONS/TRIAL IN CHILE ASSURED.

5. BEFORE PREPARING OPTIONS PAPER FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. VANCE

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